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Applicant: James A. Belmont

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Application No.: 09/672,328

Examiner: Oh, Taylor V.

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For: **MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING STERIC AND AMPHIPHILIC GROUPS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.